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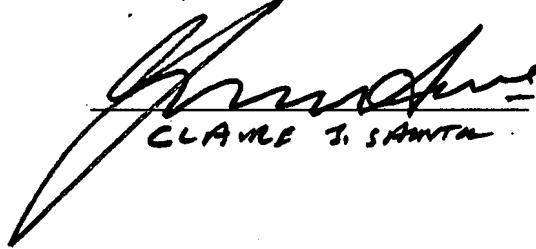
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of pending international application PCT/EP99/02695, filed April 21, 1999, which designated the United States.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following: [X] specification (51 pages); [X] claims (32); [X] abstract; [X] unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney; [X] Preliminary Amendment; [X] Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.56; [X] Form PTO-1449 and documents cited therein; [X] Sequence Listing (pages 1 - 13); for the above-identified patent application.

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Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

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BASIC FEE				\$355.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	50	- 20 =	30	x \$9 = \$270.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS				\$0
A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$135 = \$135.00
				TOTAL <u>\$760.00</u>

* Fee calculation based on claims pending after Preliminary Amendment.

[X] This application is being filed unaccompanied by a filing fee. The appropriate filing fee will be paid in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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